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Discount on Bulk Orders of Aids And Appliances Offered to Agencies

A new discount plan has been instituted by the Foundation on the sales of aids and appliances. The discount plan was approved by the AFB trustees at its annual meeting October 26, 1967, to assist local agencies in making aids and appliances more readily available to the blind persons they serve.

The discounts will be given on all items listed in the AFB aids and appliances catalog. The discount rate is:

1. A 10 percent discount on orders having a total dollar value ranging from \$100 to \$300 maximum.
2. A 15 percent discount on orders from \$300 to \$500 in total.
3. A 20 percent maximum on orders from \$500 upwards.

To qualify for these discounts, agencies should adhere to the following procedures:

1. One purchase order must be submitted for all merchandise desired.
2. The entire order must be shipped directly *only* to the ordering agency.
3. If the ordering agency sells items secured from AFB, the selling price should conform to AFB's established catalog price.

Approximately 300 items are listed in the 1967-1968 edition of the catalog of aids and appliances. These include clocks and watches, household aids, tools and instruments, braille writing equipment, travel aids, games, and educational aids. Further information may be obtained from the Sales Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Responsibility for the Education Of the Partially Sighted Transferred From NSPB to the Foundation

The educational programs for the partially sighted, long conducted by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, have been transferred to the American Foundation for the Blind. Approval of the transfer of responsibility was given by the board of directors of NSPB at its annual meeting on November 16, 1967. The AFB board of trustees voted approval at the October 26, 1967, annual meeting.

The change in responsibility followed a review by NSPB of its services, with particular reference to its advisory and promotional activities on behalf of partially sighted children and adults. The conclusion was reached that the Society should terminate its efforts in this special area.

Although both organizations realize the need for special attention to the problems of the partially sighted, in recent years differences in technique from services to totally blind persons has gradually become a minimal factor. For example, in the area of training of school teachers, counselors, and the like, there is a growing appreciation that the practitioner should and can be equipped to deal with pupils or adults who have varying degrees of serious visual impairment, and that separate training courses, separate publications, and separate field staff divided in terms of arbitrary visual acuity can be wasteful. The commonality of services has been reflected in the growing number of state and local agencies that have enlarged their programs to serve those with varying degrees of visual impairment.

The Society was aware that AFB has for many years been performing services on behalf of the totally blind similar to those of NSPB on behalf of the partially sighted, and it was felt that the Foundation might assume for the partially sighted that part of the Society's historic program that should be continued. AFB president, Jansen Noyes, Jr., and executive director, M. Robert Barnett, met with the president of NSPB, Enos Curtin, and its executive director, Dr. John Ferree, to consider the assumption of such authority by AFB. After a detailed study by Mr. Barnett and other members of the Foundation staff, it was recommended that the transfer be made.

The two organizations are currently proceeding with the details necessary to effect the transfer expeditiously and with due regard for the interests of all parties concerned.

In commenting on the transfer, Mr. Noyes said: "The fact that such an exchange of activity can be easily accomplished underscores the fine relationship between the two organizations. Incidentally, some years ago the 'swap' was on the other side. The Foundation had developed certain techniques in clinical examination and treatment which involved low vision optical aids. It became evident that this was somewhat foreign to our normal activities because of its medical orientation. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness accepted from us the responsibility of continuing the program, and has done it well."

Migel Medal Recipients



Byron M. Smith, right, former executive director of the Minneapolis Society for the Blind, was the 1967 professional recipient of the Migel Medal for Outstanding Service to the Blind. Peter J. Salmon, left, administrative vice-president of the Industrial Home for the Blind and an AFB trustee, presented the award in a ceremony held October 26 at the Foundation. Mr. Salmon paid tribute to Mr. Smith's contribution to work for the blind for almost three decades, both on a local level with the Minneapolis Society and on the national level with such organizations as the National Association of Sheltered Workshops and Homebound Programs, National Industries for the Blind, the American Association of Workers for the Blind, and the National Rehabilitation Association.



Eustace Seligman, right, a senior partner in the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, was the 1967 lay recipient of the Migel Medal. In presenting the award, AFB president Jansen Noyes, Jr., recalled the many years of service given by Mr. Seligman in work for the blind, beginning with his election to the board of directors of the American Braille Press in 1933. After that organization was expanded and its name changed to the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, Mr. Seligman served successively as secretary, vice-president, and chairman of the board. He has been active in the work of AFB since 1950, when he joined the Foundation's board of trustees. He was elected chairman of the AFB board in 1959. He continues to serve as chairman of both agencies.

Program of Missouri Agency Studied by Foundation Specialists

Four AFB staff members reviewed the entire program of the Pre-School for the Visually Handicapped, Kansas City, Missouri, in January. The program study was requested by the Pre-School, a nursery school and kindergarten for visually handicapped and sighted children, and the Regional Health and Welfare Council in the Kansas-Missouri area.

The review team was composed of Mrs. Doris Sausser, director of the AFB community services division; Miss Pauline M. Moor, specialist in education (preschool services); Bill L. Underwood, specialist in education; and Samuel Mopsik, regional consultant.

The team visited the agency January 15-18 to study the program, staffing, financing, and administration as a basis for the assessment of current services and the development of guidelines for updating and expansion. A formal report is now being prepared for submission to the study committee composed of the board of the Pre-School for the Visually Handicapped and representatives of the Regional Planning Council and United Fund.

Plans Set for Middle Atlantic And Southeast Institutes

Final plans have been made for administrative institutes to be conducted by the Foundation in the Middle Atlantic and Southeast regions. The former will be held in Atlantic City, N.J., March 28-30, and the latter in Atlanta, Georgia, March 31-April 2.

The institutes are part of a continuing series held by the Foundation to give board presidents and executive directors of voluntary and governmental agencies the opportunity to consider such vital areas of agency administration as program planning, personnel practices, public relations, development of goals, and board-staff relationships.

James R. Dumpson, dean of the School of Social Work, Fordham University, will lead the Middle Atlantic institute. Mr. Dumpson, former commissioner of the New York City Department of Welfare, is well versed in all aspects of work with the blind and visually handicapped. He was leader of an AFB administrative institute in the Northeast region in April 1967.

The theme of the Atlantic City institute will be "The Agency Image—Its Many Facets." Board members and administrators interested in attending should write to Community Services Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

The Southeast institute will be led by Dr. Paul A. Deutschberger, professor of social work, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. The institute's theme is "CAMELOT—Coordinating and Mobilizing Effective Local Organizations Today." The Region IV office of the U.S. Rehabilitation Services Administration is cooperating in planning the institute.

Board members and administrators wishing to attend the Atlanta institute should write to the Atlanta Regional Office, AFB, 127 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Robert S. Bray and Arthur N. Magill Elected to the AFB Board of Trustees

Robert S. Bray and Arthur N. Magill were elected to the AFB board of trustees at the annual meeting of members October 26, 1967.



Robert S. Bray

Mr. Bray is chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. He is chairman of the AFB Service Advisory Committee, a member of the advisory board of Recording for the Blind, and chairman of the American Library Association's Round Table on Library Service to the Blind. Mr. Bray heads the library committee of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped. In 1963 he was awarded the Migel Medal for outstanding service to the blind.

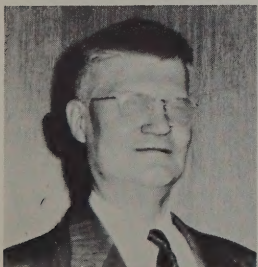
It is an established custom of the Foundation that the presidents of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the American Association of Instructors of the Blind be members of the AFB board. Arthur N. Magill, managing director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, was elected president of AAWB at its annual convention in July 1967. Mr. Magill replaced Louis H. Rives, Jr., the ex-president, as a trustee. Stewart E. Armstrong, superintendent of the Ontario School for the Blind, continues to represent AAIB as president of that organization.



Arthur N. Magill

Mr. Magill also serves as a member of the executive committee and the committee on inter-American affairs of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind. He is program chairman of the next World Assembly of WCWB, which will be held in New Delhi, India, in November 1969.

George F. Meyer Elected Trustee Emeritus of AFB



George F. Meyer

that post until 1965.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Mr. Meyer entered work for the blind with the Cleveland

George F. Meyer, former executive director of the New Jersey State Commission for the Blind, was named a trustee emeritus of the Foundation at the annual meeting of members October 26, 1967. Mr. Meyer has served as an AFB trustee since 1945; he was elected vice-president of the Foundation in 1951 and held

Public Schools in 1918. He subsequently organized sight saving and braille classes in the Minneapolis and Seattle Public Schools and was a member of the Minnesota Commission for the Blind which organized services in that state in 1921. He was appointed executive director of the New Jersey State Commission in 1937.

Mr. Meyer has been a leader in work for the blind throughout his career. He has served as president of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, a member of the executive committee of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, president of the National Council of Directors of State Agencies for the Blind, and a director of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind.

As a trustee emeritus, he joins the distinguished company of Col. E.A. Baker, honorary president of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; Dr. Gabriel Farrell, former director of the Perkins School; and Eber L. Palmer, former superintendent of the New York State School for the Blind.

Hawaii Institute on Services To Blind Persons Held in Honolulu



AFB executive director M. Robert Barnett, standing, was the keynote speaker at the banquet opening the Hawaii Institute on Services to Blind Persons, held in Honolulu November 10-12. The institute was conducted by the Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation in cooperation with AFB and the Hawaii State Department of Social Services. Shizuo Onishi, right, chairman of the Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation, also served as chairman of the institute, which brought together workers in all aspects of services to the blind throughout the multi-island state. On November 9, prior to the opening of the institute, AFB held a one-day in-service training program for the professional staff of the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Services Branch for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

New AFB Publications

No Time to Lose prepared by Pauline M. Moor

This report on the education of multiply impaired blind children is an outgrowth of a 1964 seminar held on this subject by AFB. The seminar was called to consider the special educational needs presented by multiply impaired children, needs of increasing concern because of the increase in the number of such children. Participants at the seminar, held at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, came from the field of special education; most of them were classroom teachers with extensive experience with multiply impaired blind children.

No Time to Lose does not attempt to discuss social characteristics of the child and family, parental guidance, evaluation procedures, physical facilities, or desirable qualities of teachers, most of which were explored in the 1963 AFB publication *No Place to Go*. This discussion of actual teaching procedures is designed to complement that publication.

Miss Pauline M. Moor is the AFB specialist in education (preschool services).

Price \$1.35

The Social Life of Blind People by Eric Josephson, Ph.D.

The use of leisure time by nearly 700 blind adults in four states was analyzed for this study, number 19 in the AFB Research Series. The result is a significant contribution to the knowledge on which intelligent planning and action for the welfare of the blind must be based.

Dr. Eric Josephson chose a cross-section of adult blind persons, covering all age brackets and including those living in both rural and urban locations. Studies were made of individual leisure-time activities as well as group and community activities.

The original work on this study was carried out by Dr. Josephson when he was a staff member of the AFB Research Department. He is now assistant professor of public health practice at the Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, New York City.

Price \$2.25

Braille in the United States by Louis Harvey Goldish

This report is a first work, the first attempt to describe fully the braille production system in the United States. Among the topics covered are the need, market, and sources of braille; the present methods and cost of producing braille; technological advances in braille production and the effects of such innovations on braille production; and an approach to braille system development.

As an initial work in the field, the report is not designed to serve as a definitive, hard-fact account of the braille production system. Rather, it is a basis from which detailed studies can be instituted.

The study grew out of the program of the Engineering Projects Laboratory and the Sensory Aids Evaluation and Development Center of the Massachusetts Institute

of Technology. Louis Harvey Goldish, M.A., is a consultant to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Price \$1.50

Facts About Blindness

This pamphlet contains basic information concerning blindness and blind or visually handicapped persons. Topics covered include definitions of blindness, causes, age distribution of blind persons, education and rehabilitation, and services in the United States and abroad. The pamphlet replaces a previous AFB publication, *Facts and Figures*. It is available free in quantities up to 200. Prices for larger quantities are available upon request.

Consult the Personnel and Training Service

The AFB Personnel and Training Service is a job clearing house for positions and personnel in services to the blind and visually handicapped. This pamphlet, which supersedes the previous publication, *Consult the National Personnel and Referral Service*, explains how employers and job seekers can make use of this AFB service. It is available free in quantities up to 200. Prices for larger quantities are available upon request.

All of the above publications are available from the Publications Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

AFB Represented at Signing Of Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments



Harold G. Roberts, left, AFB associate director for service, was one of three members of the Foundation staff present October 3, 1967, when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments. Included in the new law is the establishment of a National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults, which AFB has actively supported. Also present were Bill L. Underwood, specialist in education, and Irvin P. Schloss, legislative analyst.

Stipends Available to Educators Attending 1968 Summer Courses

AFB will again make available a limited number of stipends of \$200 each to qualified educators who enroll in certain courses and workshops during the summer of 1968. Applicants must be administrators, supervisors, or teachers who will be employed full time in educational programs for blind and visually handicapped students during the 1968-69 academic year. Consideration will be given to educators attending any well-planned sequence of courses that will strengthen skills for work with visually handicapped children.

Applications for the stipends must be submitted before May 1, 1968. Application forms and further information may be obtained from the Personnel and Training Service, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N. Y. 10011.

Catalogs Are Published Of 1966-1967 Braille and Talking Books

Catalogs of braille and talking books produced in 1966-1967 have been published by AFB for the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress. Two separate catalogs list all press braille books and all talking books issued for adults during that period. A third catalog lists all juvenile books issued in braille or recorded editions.

Full descriptions of each of the books appear in all three catalogs, with an author-title-subject index. The catalogs are available through Regional Libraries and the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Index to Research Documents Is Published by IRIS

The AFB International Research Information Service (IRIS) has issued a Research Index to documents pertaining to technological and psychosocial research of interest to researchers or professional workers in the field of visual impairment. The Index makes it possible to identify easily those documents that contain information in the subject areas desired.

The Research Index is being published in a three-volume loose-leaf set composed of a *Dictionary of Descriptors*, a *Scan-Column Index*, and a *Bibliography*. The *Dictionary of Descriptors* contains the terms, or "descriptors," used to index the documents. These terms are taken from the documents themselves and are for the most part words and phrases in common use, such as "adjustment," "braille," "communication," "compressed speech," "programmed instructions," and "reading machines." Each of the 130-odd terms is followed by a definition, a list of related terms, and a letter code.

The user of the Index first selects the terms covering

those areas in which he is interested. He then refers to the second volume, the *Scan-Column Index*, in which he can locate the serial numbers of pertinent documents by scanning the columns for the letter codes of each term selected. Scanning can be done for one or for a combination of letter codes.

The third volume, the *Bibliography*, lists each document by its serial number, with authors' names, title, project or grant number, publishing and source information and a list of codes for all terms by which the document is indexed.

The Research Index covers a basic collection of some 1,000 documents that have been collected and codified by IRIS since 1963. Quarterly supplements to the Research Index will be issued on a subscription basis to cover additions to the collection.

The price of the basic three volumes is \$10.00. A one-year subscription to the quarterly supplements is \$6.00. Orders should be sent to the Publications Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011. Sample sheets of each of the three volumes are available free on request.

AFB Exhibit on Blind Preschool Patient At American Academy of Ophthalmology



"The Management Role of the Ophthalmologist with the Blind Preschool Patient" was the subject of an AFB exhibit at the 72nd annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Chicago October 29-November 3, 1967. Above, two persons attending the convention study the exhibit and material distributed, which was designed to assist the ophthalmologist in identifying appropriate sources of treatment and services for the child and parents. The exhibit was created under the direction of Miss Pauline M. Moor, AFB education specialist (preschool services); Dr. Richard E. Hoover served as a consultant on the exhibit. Photographs for the exhibit were taken by AFB information specialist Mrs. Jo Anne Murphy at the Rubella Birth Defect Evaluation Project, under the direction of Dr. Louis Cooper, at the New York University Medical Center.

New AFB Bulletin Will Report On Activities of Federal Government

Washington Report, a new AFB bulletin to be published six times a year will cover news of activities in all areas of the federal government of interest to those serving blind and visually handicapped persons. *Washington Report* is being edited by Irvin P. Schloss, AFB legislative analyst.

The new bulletin supersedes the discontinued *AFB Legislative Bulletin*. The first issue, January-February 1968, will be sent to all recipients of the *Newsletter*; a survey will be made later to ascertain which readers wish to receive the publication.

News Briefs

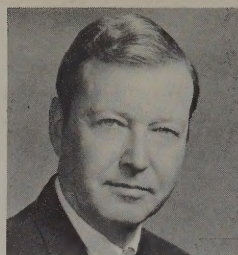
- AFB executive director M. Robert Barnett has participated in a television program concerning fund raising produced by the National Education Television network. Mr. Barnett discussed fund raising practices of agencies serving blind persons in general and of AFB in particular in a filmed interview made at the Foundation. The television program will be shown on educational stations that are part of the NET network.

- Daniel O'Connor, director of the AFB Information Department, demonstrated the Foundation's aids and appliances to a group of 70 blind persons from Vacation Camp for the Blind at a meeting held December 5, 1967, in Scarsdale, N.Y. Mr O'Connor spoke on the general services of AFB before demonstrating such aids as timers, games, tools and household items.

Mr. O'Connor also spoke on "Securing Community Support for Agency Goals" at an annual seminar of directors of sheltered workshops in New York State, conducted by the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in New York City November 28. Mr. O'Connor stressed the needs of workshops to identify clearly their goals, to ascertain public understanding of these goals, and to build an ongoing diversified public education program.

- Interest in the problems of serving the child with visual and hearing impairments caused by the mother's having had rubella (German measles) during pregnancy is growing throughout the country, and the acuteness of the situation is leading to increasing discussions and research. An informal meeting on this subject was held in November 1967 at the Foundation. Representatives from the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, the New York City Board of Education, and the New York University Medical Center met with Miss Pauline M. Moor, AFB specialist in education (preschool services), Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wagner, specialist in services for deaf-blind children, and other AFB staff for a general review of current knowledge concerning services to the "rubella child."

Personnel



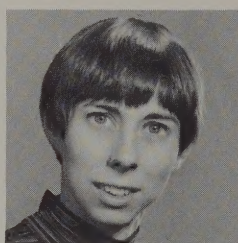
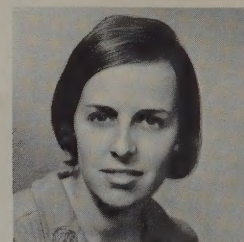
R. ROY RUSK has been appointed director of the AFB Program Planning Department. In this capacity Mr. Rusk will administer all Foundation activities related to the development of national and local services for visually handicapped persons.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Rusk was a consultant in the international program of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He has also served as executive director of the San Francisco Society for Crippled Children and Adults; director of field services, North California Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation; national director of program consultative services, Arthritis Foundation; and associate executive director, National Recreation Association.

Mr. Rusk received an A.B. degree from San Francisco State College, whose faculty he later joined. He has also studied community organization on the graduate level at Stanford University.

MRS. KAREN SNEIRSON has joined the staff of the AFB publications division as an editorial specialist. Mrs. Sneirson will be primarily responsible for the production of pamphlets and monographs.

For the past several years Mrs. Sneirson has been associated with the *Courier-News* in Plainfield, N.J., and the *Recorder* in Metuchen, N.J. She received a B.A. degree from Syracuse University.



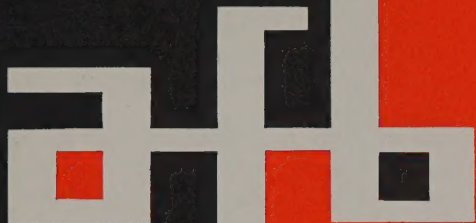
MRS. SARA M. STAMPLEMAN has been appointed an assistant librarian in the AFB Migel Memorial Library. Mrs. Stampleman has previously worked in the Special Collections and Medical Library of the Columbia University Libraries.

Mrs. Stampleman received a bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and a master of science degree from the Columbia University School of Library Science.

The AFB trustees and staff regret profoundly the death on December 29 of our former director of technical research and close friend, John Kenneth Dupres.

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Instructors Learn Methods In Teaching Use of Tactile Aid

A second workshop at San Fernando Valley State College in California was held May 1-3 for training in the use of the Tactile Speech Indicator for deaf-blind persons. The first such session was held in the spring of 1966.

Miss Annette Dinsmore, AFB specialist in services for the deaf-blind, organized the workshop. Four professional workers were trained in the mechanics of teaching the deaf-blind how to operate the telephone aid.

These trainees, two from Los Angeles, one from Northern California and one from Detroit, in turn worked with three deaf-blind persons using special telephone equipment set up at the San Fernando facilities.

Learning to use the device is a tedious process for the deaf-blind person, according to Miss Dinsmore, especially if the individual has not used a telephone in recent years. The indicator lets the deaf-blind person tactually differentiate the ringing, dialtone, busy signal, and "yes-yes," "no," and "please repeat" responses from the person called.

The devices used in the session have been tested in the field and are undergoing final revisions by the Foundation's engineering division. The aid will be available early in 1969 at a price to be established.

AFB Executive Director Speaks At RNIB Centennial Banquet

Helping celebrate the Royal National Institute for the Blind's 100th anniversary, M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director, recently returned from London where he gave the ceremonial toast of the evening to RNIB at a banquet honoring the British organization on March 26.

Among the 250 guests attending the formal affair at the Clothworker's Hall were the Lord Mayor of London, Sheriffs of the City of London, and the Minister of Health, all of whom wore traditional full dress.

In his talk Mr. Barnett stressed the highlights of 50 years of continuing cooperation between American and British agencies serving the blind. Citing the work of AFB during World War II, he told of how AFB sent phonograph needles for talking book machines to London when they could not be manufactured there. The roles of RNIB and AFB in the World Council for Welfare of the Blind, and the work of AFB's International Research Information Service were also depicted as examples of this mutual cooperation.

While in London, Mr. Barnett, who was accompanied by his wife, Marian, attended several dinner parties and consulted with RNIB Director John Colligan. The Barnetts also attended the annual Sportsman's Night at the Player's Theatre where Queen Victoria and her era still reign. The event was held for the benefit of RNIB's Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Young People.

Later in the week Mr. Barnett conferred in Paris with George Sumner, David Carter, and Mitchell Brock, board members of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, AFB's sister organization, and Stephen L. Porter, AFB board member, and Dr. Jeanne Kenmore, European AFOB director on the progress of AFOB's new headquarters in Paris.



AT THE BANQUET—RNIB officers, their wives, and other dignitaries, listen to M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director, as he addresses the group.

Regional Institute in Atlantic City Concentrates on Agency Images

James R. Dumpson, dean of the Fordham University School of Social Service, led an AFB institute in Atlantic City on March 28-30 for administrators and board members of agencies serving blind and visually impaired persons in the Middle Atlantic region. The institute's theme was "The Agency Image: Its Many Facets."

Dean Dumpson, a former New York City Commissioner of Welfare, delivered the keynote address, "The Changing Scene for Private Agencies."

Discussions were held on personnel practices; public relations; agency functions and needs of clients; agency planning and financing; the roles played by agency trustees, executives, and clients; and identifying problems for agency leaders. Daniel O'Connor, director of AFB's Information Department, spoke on "Projecting the Agency Image."

Members of the planning committee were Mrs. Marcella C. Goldberg, executive director, Pittsburgh branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind; William T. Coppage, director, Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped, Richmond; Cleo B. Dolan, executive director, Cleveland Society for the Blind, Ohio; and Stephen A. Gambaro, chief, Division of Services to the Visually Impaired, District of Columbia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The institute's coordinator, Samuel Mopsik, is the Foundation's consultant for Region 2 which includes Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. About 60 persons representing 25 agencies from all of these areas except Kentucky attended.



MIDDLE ATLANTIC INSTITUTE—Dean James R. Dumpson of Fordham University School of Social Service speaks at the recent AFB session in Atlantic City. From left to right are Samuel Mopsik, AFB consultant to Region 2; Cleo B. Dolan, executive director, Cleveland Society for the Blind, Ohio; J. Kenneth Cozier of Cleveland, a member of the AFB board of trustees; and Mrs. Doris P. Sausser, director of AFB's Community Services Division.

Workshop Participants Will Explore Job Opportunities in Recreation Field

Exploring opportunities for employment of the blind and visually handicapped in the recreation services will be the theme of a three-day AFB work conference under a Rehabilitation Services Administration grant. Jointly sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, attendance is by invitation only. The conference will be June 10-12 in New York City.

Participating will be those with a knowledge of recreation activities and the visual requirements necessary for such employment.

According to AFB rehabilitation specialist Arthur Voorhees, project director, the conference has a three-fold purpose: to identify the types of jobs that can be performed by blind and visually handicapped persons, to prepare guidelines for training and employment in recreation services, and to publish these guidelines at an early date for use as an in-service training tool.

State Education Specialists Discuss Visually Handicapped in St. Louis

A three-day institute for department of education specialists supervising state programs for the visually handicapped was held in St. Louis, March 28-30. Sponsored by AFB's Program Development Division, the program was coordinated by Bill L. Underwood, education specialist at the Foundation.

About 20 educators representing 18 different states attended the conference. Each participant was invited for his competence in the area of the visually handicapped and his understanding of the structure and function of state departments of education.

The keynote address was given by John W. Melcher, assistant state superintendent of schools and director, Bureau for Visually Handicapped Children, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Madison, Wis. In his address Mr. Melcher stressed the relationship of a division of special education to the department of education.

The participants held discussions on current national trends concerning the evaluation, placement, and education of visually handicapped children; services for multiply-handicapped youth; and the availability and securing of federal and state funds for use by local community schools.

Other speakers were Mrs. Ferne K. Root, project associate, Regional Special Education Instructional Materials Center, Hunter College, New York City; Miss Marjorie S. Hooper, editor, American Printing House for the Blind, Inc., Louisville, Ky.; and Miss Josephine L. Taylor, coordinator, Unit for the Visually Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The proceedings will be published and distributed to the participants. Extra copies will be available upon written request.

Advisory Committees Hold Sessions at Foundation

Two of AFB's advisory committees met in April to assist the Foundation and its staff in the continuous process of refining and improving the Foundation's service and research programs.

Members of the Service Advisory Committee, which met April 4-5, are: Chairman Robert S. Bray, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress; the Rev. Thomas J. Carroll, Catholic Guild for All the Blind; Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland, Division of Services to the Blind, Social and Rehabilitation Service; Dr. Peter J. Salmon, Industrial Home for the Blind; Byron M. Smith, member of the AFB Board of Trustees; Russell Williams, chief, Blind Rehabilitation Section, Veterans Administration; J. Max Woolly, Arkansas School for the Blind; E.M. Avedon, Columbia University; Dr. Geraldine Scholl, University of Michigan; Warren Thompson, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and Joseph Kohn, New Jersey Commission for the Blind.

Members of the Research Advisory Committee, which met April 10, are: Dr. John W. Riley Jr., Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States; Dr. Heinz Kallman, electronics consultant; Dr. Herbert Hyman, Columbia University; Dr. Stephen A. Richardson, Association for the Aid of Crippled Children; Dr. Edward E. David Jr., Bell Telephone Laboratories; Dr. Eliot Friedson, New York University; and Dr. Jerome Wiesner, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

5 Groups Cosponsor Institute On Blind and Retarded Children

An institute on the Blind Child Who Functions on a Retarded Level was recently attended by administrators, teachers, social workers, psychologists, and others in the field, May 8-10 in Austin, Tex.

In addition to the Foundation, other cosponsors were the Texas State Commission for the Blind, Texas Education Agency, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and the University of Texas.

Among the speakers were Charles C. Woodcock, Oregon State School for the Blind; Bill J. Dogget, Austin State School; Dr. Natalie Barraga, Dr. Ira Iscoe, and Dr. Gerald Hasterok, all from the University of Texas.

Discussions were held on environmental designs, an overview of care and management of such children, educational and psychological management, community and institutional services, and implications for vocational rehabilitation services.

Chairmen of these sessions were: Roland H. Ludtke, Austin State School; Randolph Greene, Texas Commission for the Blind; Miss Janie Fox, Texas Education Agency; Miss Pauline Moor, AFB; and Dr. Durward G. Carnes, University of Texas. John Best of the Texas School for the Blind gave the welcome and summary.

Those attending were from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Atlanta Administrative Institute Features "CAMELOT" as Theme

An administrative institute was held recently in Atlanta for administrators and board members of agencies serving blind and visually impaired persons in the Southeast. The three-day conference, March 31-April 2, was sponsored by AFB in cooperation with the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Approximately 40 persons attended the institute, which had as its theme "CAMELOT — Coordinating and Mobilizing Effective Local Organizations Today."

Dr. Paul A. Deutschberger, professor of social work at the University of Georgia School of Social Work, gave the keynote address, "Basic Issues of Agencies Serving Visually Impaired Persons."

Members of the planning committee were Gordon B. Haygood, assistant regional representative, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Atlanta; Wayne Edwards, executive director, Community Services for the Blind, Inc., Atlanta; Mrs. Mary W. Marsh, executive director, Foundation for Visually Handicapped Children, Atlanta; Franklin Parks, executive director, New Orleans Family Service Society; Tommy M. McCollom, supervisor, Services for the Blind, state Department of Education, Atlanta; and Dr. Fred L. Crawford, executive director, South Carolina Commission for the Blind.

Coordinating the institute was Vernon Metcalf, the Foundation's regional consultant for Region 4 which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The Foundation's regional office in Atlanta, is in the Candler Building, 127 Peachtree Street, N.E.



GOOD READING—Members of the planning committee look at some of the publications available from AFB at the recent Southeastern Institute in Atlanta, Ga. From left to right are Tommy M. McCollom, supervisor, State Services for the Blind, Georgia; Wayne Edwards, Community Services for the Blind, Atlanta; Mrs. Mary Marsh, executive director, Foundation for Visually Handicapped Children; Vernon Metcalf, AFB regional consultant; and Gordon Haygood, regional representative, Social Rehabilitation Services.

News Briefs

- Bill L. Underwood, AFB specialist in education, attended a workshop in Washington on the analytical study of state legislation in March. Sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children, the session was held to acquaint people in the field of education with procedures for writing appropriate legislation. The 100 participants, including many state legislators, actually wrote practice legislation and prepared testimony on comprehensive services in states for special education of the handicapped. Two similar sessions were held in April, in Reno, Nev., and St. Louis.

- Transfer of services for partially sighted children from the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness to AFB was the topic for AFB's semi-annual two-day staff meeting in March. Promoting group discussion were talks by Mrs. Virginia Boyce, assistant director of NSPB, and Mrs. Francis Savage, acting director, Bureau for the Visually Handicapped, New York City Board of Education. They spoke respectively on "NSPB's Role and Views Regarding the Education of Partially Sighted Children" and "Trends and Developments in the Education of Visually Handicapped Children."

- As a result of responses to AFB queries sent to the 250 Spanish-speaking radio stations in the United States and Puerto Rico, the Public Education Division is now sending out radio spot announcement kits in Spanish. The 17 spots in each kit were translated for the Foundation by Angel Richardson of WADO Radio, New York. The spots, which deal with career opportunities for the blind, aids and appliances, talking books, kitchen aids, guide dogs, travel concessions, and general information are for use through 1968. They are also available in English on discs as well as in kit form.

- The Foundation's Board of Trustees has decided not to reopen Rest Haven, the summer vacation home in Monroe, N.Y. for blind and deaf-blind women. In making the decision, the trustees considered the home's function to be the responsibility of a local agency and pointed out that similar facilities now exist in the area. Rest Haven was established in 1923 by the late Major M.C. Migel, former chairman of the AFB Board of Trustees, and his family. The five-acre estate was donated to AFB in 1943.

- Two members of AFB's Research Department spoke at the Council for Exceptional Children convention in New York in April. Dr. Milton D. Graham, director, gave a paper on multiply impaired children, and Leslie L. Clark, director of the international research information service (IRIS), delivered the address planned by the late John K. Dupress of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. Betty Garvais of the Public Education Division supervised a Foundation exhibit of publications and aids and appliances at the convention.

New AFB Publications

Two new pamphlets are now available from the Foundation.

Where to Find Help for the Blind is a small flyer listing the state agencies from which services may be obtained, as well as briefly explaining various services for the blind. It replaces an earlier pamphlet entitled *What Everyone Should Know about Blindness* and is available free in quantities up to 200; prices for larger quantities are available upon request.

Blindness—Ability Not Disability by Maxine Wood was published by the Public Affairs Committee as a revision of an earlier pamphlet. AFB was among several organizations that gave consultation on the booklet, which covers all aspects of blindness, including statistics, definitions, causes, services, and legislation.

It is available free in quantities up to 50 from the Foundation. Larger quantities may be purchased from Public Affairs Pamphlets, 381 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10016.

Errata sheets are available on request for two recent AFB publications: *851 Blinded Veterans: A Success Story* and *Braille in the United States: Its Production, Distribution, and Use*. Prices of the two books, both published in the last six months are \$4.25 and \$1.50 respectively.

Aids and Appliances Catalog Will Be Distributed in July

The 14th edition of the *Aids and Appliances* catalog will be available July 1 from the Sales Division, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West Sixteenth Street, New York, N.Y. 10011. The pamphlet lists and describes all specially made, adaptive, and ready-made devices available from the Foundation which are useful to the blind and deaf-blind. It is free in either print or braille.

Lawrence Blaha Dies in L. A. at 49; Member of AFB-AFOB Committee

Lawrence Blaha, a member of the AFB-AFOB Los Angeles Committee, died March 27 in California. He was 49.

Mr. Blaha was principal investigator and mobility specialist for the Mobility Project at California State College at Los Angeles.

A graduate of Roosevelt University, Chicago, Mr. Blaha did graduate work at Western Michigan University.

As expressed by the trustees, advisory committees, and staff in messages to Mrs. Jacobus tenBroek and to the National Federation of the Blind, the American Foundation for the Blind joins in a nationwide tribute to Dr. tenBroek whose untimely death on March 23 left us all with a profound sense of loss.

Seminar on Preschool Services For Visually Impaired Planned

A three-day national seminar on services to the visually impaired child of preschool age has been scheduled for June 17-19, according to Miss Pauline Moor, AFB specialist in education, who is coordinating the event.

Those invited to the session at the Foundation in New York will examine the methods of services which have evolved and recommend new directions, emphases, and techniques which would enhance the development of young children.

Guest speakers from the fields of psychiatry and psychology will address the group which will be composed of professionals in the preschool field.

Documentation Conference Scheduled for Pittsburgh

A research documentation conference has been scheduled in Pittsburgh for June 13-14, according to Leslie L. Clark, AFB director of the international research information service (IRIS), who is coordinating the session. The Knowledge Availability Systems Center at the University of Pittsburgh is cosponsor with the Foundation.

Titled Documentation and Information Retrieval in Human Sensory Processes, the meeting will concentrate on three themes: What Do Information Systems Have to Offer the Researcher, Current Status of Information Retrieval in Sensory Research, and Problems of Practice During the Transition.

At each session several speakers will address the group of about 50 invited participants.

Col. E. A. Baker, Trustee Emeritus Of AFB-AFOB, Dies in Canada

Lieut. Col. Edwin Albert Baker, first managing director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and one of its founders, died April 7 at his home in Collins Bay, Ontario.

Colonel Baker, 75, was the first president of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, a post he held from 1951 until 1964 when he retired.

In 1949 he was made a member of the board of trustees of AFB and in the following year was named a trustee of American Foundation of Overseas Blind, AFB's sister organization. In 1964 he became trustee emeritus of both organizations.

He was awarded the Migel Medal of AFB in 1951. In 1952 he received the Shotwell Memorial Award of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Colonel Baker was blinded by a sniper's bullet during World War I.

Survey of All Agencies Planned For Inclusion in 1969 Directory

The 1969 Directory of Agencies Serving Blind Persons in the United States will be extensively revised and updated according to Mrs. Patricia Smith, AFB publications director. In order to provide more recent and factual information all agencies will be surveyed. A questionnaire will be mailed early in June and must be completed and returned promptly for inclusion in the new directory, which will be published in May 1969. Until then the 1967 edition will be available from the Publications Division, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West Sixteenth Street, New York, N.Y. 10011 at the reduced price of \$2 as of July 1.

Braille Committee Organized To Advise on Current Problems

The first meeting of a newly formed Advisory Council to the AAIB-AAWB Braille Authority was held in February in AFB's Polly Thompson Room.

During the two-day session several areas where research is currently needed were discussed. These included development of instructional manuals and how to make braille meaningful to the blind adult, coordinating educational problems with technical research, and increasing the attractiveness of braille materials.

Elected chairman was Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld, AFB Director of Educational Research until 1949, and past superintendent of the California School for the Blind. Dr. Geraldine Scholl, associate professor at the University of Michigan, will serve as vice chairman, and Dr. Natalie C. Barraga, program coordinator of the visually handicapped at the University of Texas, as secretary. These three Council officers and the three Braille Authority officers will constitute the Coordinating Committee between the two bodies.

AFB's executive director, M. Robert Barnett, was named chairman of the finance committee which also includes Robert S. Bray, chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, and Douglas C. MacFarland, chief of Division of Services to the Blind, Social and Rehabilitation Service, both members of AFB's Service Advisory Committee, and Miss Josephine L. Taylor of the U.S. Office of Education.

Other Council members are Dr. Leo F. Hanley, director of the College Reading Center, Boston University; Dr. Robert Mann of the mechanical engineering department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Miss Lorraine Murin, Board of Cooperative Services, Westport, Conn.; Dr. Abraham Nemeth, professor of mathematics, Detroit University; and Dr. Carson Y. Nolan, director, department of educational research, American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Ky.

Also attending were Braille Authority officers Miss Marjorie Hooper, secretary, and Bernard M. Krebs, chairman, and Fred Dechowitz, AAWB executive secretary.

All 12 members agreed to serve the Council for at least one year.

Workshop Committees Study Personal Management Methods

Twenty-six people, working in rotating committees, concentrated on methods and techniques to assist instructors in helping blind persons do such things as set tables, prepare food, distinguish clothing, and use cosmetics at a recent personal management services workshop in Chicago.

Coordinated by J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services), the three-day session, April 29-May 1, was attended by experts in the field of personal management from agencies throughout the country.

A previous similar workshop was held last year, also in Chicago, and the results of both sessions will be compiled and published in the near future for use by rehabilitation agencies, according to Mr. Asenjo. The same procedures were followed as in the first workshop when the committees reviewed the mechanics of personal grooming, hygiene, and home management.

AFB Publications Catalog To Be Available in July

The *American Foundation for the Blind Catalog*, listing publications, films, radio spots, and posters will be available July 1 from the Publication Division, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West Sixteenth Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

The 1968-69 edition will list all additions to the free and priced materials that can be obtained from AFB and will supersede all previous catalogs.

Two College Students Working at AFB

Two college students, one a doctoral candidate and the other an undergraduate, are using AFB as a stepping stone to their degrees by working on various projects here.

Doing field work in the Program Planning Department, David Barnhart, a doctoral student in special education at Columbia University's Teachers College, is completing a ten-week session on May 16 during which he worked at AFB one day a week.

During his assignment Mr. Barnhart developed materials for the administration and supervision of special education programs that could be useful for future field work students at the Foundation. In addition, he conferred with various members of the staff on their work at the national level.

Gregory Brecht is Antioch College's second intern in the Research Department. A fourth-year student, Mr. Brecht will be at AFB full-time until September 24 as part of his school's internship program. As a research assistant he is studying the effects of income on the lives of blinded veterans with Robert Robinson, director of Social and Statistical Research Division, and Dr. Milton Graham, Research Department director.

Personnel

EDWARD R. MURRAY has been assigned to Region 5 in his appointment as regional consultant for AFB's Community Services Division. As consultant for the West Central States, Mr. Murray will work with agencies in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming.

Mr. Murray has been involved in various aspects of social work in the United States Army since 1951. Most recently he has been Chief, Army Community Services, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver. He has also served as consultant to La Luna Federal Correctional Institution, Texas, and to the Surgeon General of the United States Army in Vietnam.

A graduate of Colorado State College, Greeley, Mr. Murray also has a masters in social work from the University of Denver.

He will be based in the Foundation regional office in Denver which is to be officially opened in May.



MISS CAROLE HUEFTLE has been appointed information specialist of AFB's Public Education Division. In this capacity Miss Hueftle will produce, write, and direct radio, television, and film spot announcements and programs.

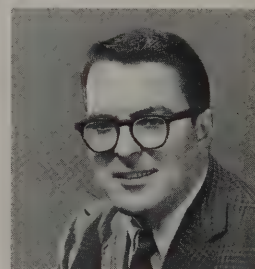
Miss Hueftle was a Peace Corps Volunteer at Catholic University, Santiago, Chile, where she produced educational television shows. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Nevada and a masters of science degree from Syracuse University.

DAVID R. RAGAN has been named regional consultant for AFB's Community Services Division. In this capacity Mr. Ragan will be responsible for consultation to agencies in the Middle Western States of Region 3—Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

Since 1960 Mr. Ragan has been state coordinator of Children's Services, Bureau of the Blind, Missouri State Division of Welfare. Before that he was a social case-worker and child welfare worker.

Mr. Ragan is a graduate of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri, and received a masters of science in social work from the University of Missouri.

He will be based at the Foundation's office in Chicago which is to be open in a few weeks.



In an attempt to explain the close alliance of the sister Foundations with Miss Keller, M. Roberi Barnett, AFB executive director, has written the following:

When the American Braille Press (predecessor to the American Foundation for Overseas Blind) was founded in Paris in 1915, and when the American Foundation for the Blind was founded in 1921, the personalities who led the movements to create these organizations were acquaintances of Miss Keller. Her interest was stirred and she was persuaded by her friends to assist in their activities.

In general, her work had two objectives—first, to lend her own energy to assist in the development of local agencies at city and state level and in other countries; and second, to help the two Foundations secure funds for their operations. While many others also were involved in these objectives, it is generally agreed that her personal effort was of tremendous value in accomplishing a noteworthy degree of success.

During those years and until the time of her retirement and subsequent death, Miss Keller was not a trustee as many persons would have conceived her to be. Rather, she was advisor to the board members and the staff in matters of both public and professional policy.

Simultaneously, her own more personal activities in lecturing and writing presented problems of management not associated with the Foundations. Certain individuals were constituted by her as her personal trustees to manage such business affairs. Others, including Miss Katharine Cornell and Mrs. Nella Braddy Henney, author of *Anne Sullivan Macy*, were also helpful in advisory ways. It so happened, of course, that some of these same personalities were also involved in the management of the Foundations.

Several years ago, this writer was asked by Miss Keller and her trustees, Jansen Noyes Jr., Richard H. Migel, and James S. Adams, to manage the specific day-to-day details of her household, her traveling, her publishing, and the like. Secretarial personnel associated with the executive office have at different times been rather closely involved in these details.

Naturally, the requirement and privilege of assisting Miss Keller meant that we probably knew her in ways that few others have enjoyed. Frequent business conferences, while straight-forward, directive, and carried out in a business-like manner, also gave us repeated moments of personal inspiration. Many people over the years often asked whether the magic of her personality was as evident off a platform as it was to every audience before whom she appeared. The answer is a definite yes. For all of the clichés that have been said and written about her, to those of us who have worked with her closely, there was something of the angelic about her which never failed to awe us, while at the same time, we enjoyed the most elementary of personal relationships about ordinary and human things.



Helen Keller Buried In National Cathedral

Miss Helen Keller, deaf and blind since the age of 18 months and known throughout the world for her service to those afflicted with the same handicaps, died June 1 at her home, Arcan Ridge, in Westport, Conn. She would have been 88 years old on June 27.

Funeral services were held June 5 at the National Cathedral in Washington. About 15 American Foundation for the Blind staff and board members attended the services. Participating in the service was the choir from the Perkins Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Mass. Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama gave the eulogy. Later, in a private service, Miss Keller's ashes were buried next to those of her "teacher" Anne Sullivan Macy and those of her former companion, Polly Thompson.



*Helen Keller
at 70 years of age*



AT THE SERVICE—Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama delivers the eulogy at Helen Keller's funeral service in the National Cathedral while Miss Elizabeth Benson, dean of women at Gallaudet College, interprets his words in sign language for the deaf.

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As a result of requests from many friends of Helen Keller, a Helen Keller Memorial Fund has been established under the joint auspices of the American Foundation for the Blind and American Foundation for Overseas Blind.

About 15 officers and board members of both organizations are serving on a Memorial Fund Committee. Funds obtained for the memorial will be used to support the programs of both agencies.

In another tribute to Miss Keller, most of the September issue of the *New Outlook for the Blind* will be dedicated to her.

Philadelphia Seminar Scheduled for Fall

The American Foundation for the Blind will co-sponsor with the Philadelphia Health and Welfare Council a one-day seminar in late fall that will be funded by the Council.

Representatives of selected agencies serving the blind will meet with representatives of non-specialized city agencies to discuss how they can accept and work with blind clients.

According to Samuel Mopsik, AFB regional consultant, community agencies at present almost always refer blind clients to agencies serving the blind when their needs could more appropriately be met at family service, welfare, and other social agencies.

Education of Deaf-Blind Youth Featured at Peabody Conference

Almost 100 participants attended a conference on the Education of Deaf-Blind and Multiply Handicapped Children at the Peabody College Mental Retardation Laboratory and Child Study Center in Nashville, Tenn., June 10-14.

Representing the American Foundation for the Blind was Miss Annette Dinsmore, specialist in services for deaf-blind persons, who spoke at one of the afternoon group meetings on personality aspects and development of deaf-blind children.

Planned as teacher-preparation programs, the conference was sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education and was designed to bring together all types of personnel who work with the blind, multi-handicapped, and retarded children. Five general meetings were attended by teachers, psychologists, social workers, house parents, administrators, and others.

Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Reads Preface for Talking Books



AUTHOR AT WORK—Harvey S. Firestone Jr., whose father founded the Firestone company, records the preface of his book, *Man on the Move in the AFB studios for the Library of Congress talking book program*. Mr. Firestone's book is about the story of transportation and how man conquered space—on land, on the sea, and in the air. Other recent books recorded by the Foundation are *The Source* by James A. Michener, read by Norman Rose; *The Confessions of Nat Turner* by William Styron, read by House Jameson; and *Twenty Letters to a Friend* by Svetlana Alliluyeva, read by Joan Lorrington.

Famous Voices Speak Out From Talking Books' Past



SOUNDS FROM THE PAST—Six people at one time can listen to this new AFB listening device which features great voices on talking books. Mrs. Betty Garvais, AFB information specialist, was in charge of the exhibit which was first used here at the AAIB conference in Toronto.

Famous persons who at one time or another have been associated with talking books can now be heard on an experimental AFB listening device designed for convention use.

The apparatus consists of a continuously-playing cartridge which can be heard from six individual Hearphones. Each reader's picture is displayed on a peg-board giving a visual as well as audio approach to the exhibit.

All material on the master tape was obtained from the Library of Congress archives, produced, and edited by Miss Carole Hueftle, AFB information specialist. Each famous person is heard recording part of a book or a preface for talking books.

AFB To Form Task Force On Geriatric Blindness

M. Robert Barnett, executive director of the Foundation, has announced that a National Task Force on Geriatric Blindness and Severe Visual Impairment will be established by the Foundation in the near future.

The Task Force will deal with the urgent issues, national in scope, affecting the welfare of the 65 percent of the nation's blind and visually impaired who are elderly, as identified at a 1967 research meeting sponsored by the Foundation. The Task Force will analyze and assess existing information on the aging blind and determine a national course of action for coordination at a national and local level.

Membership will include national leadership in related fields from federal and voluntary agencies as well as individuals selected because of personal qualifications. Key organizations and individuals have been designated for candidacy in such areas as income maintenance, housing, recreation and social participation, health, welfare, and employment.

Staff service within the program planning department of the Foundation is being provided by Miss Dorothy Demby, specialist in social welfare.

New AFB Publications

Several new publications are now available from the Foundation through the Publications Division, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

The 1968-69 edition of the *Catalog of Publications, Films, Radio Programs, Posters*, effective since July 1, lists all publications available from the Foundation. Available free in quantities up to 200, it includes these new additions:

Administrative Aids. Free. A series of single-sheet sample documents for use by agency administrators who may adapt them to their own agencies' needs. Samples available include personnel policies and practices, by-laws, agency face sheet, and job descriptions—executive director, rehabilitation teacher, orientation and mobility teacher.

The Body-Image of Blind Children. Bryant J. Cratty and Theresa A. Sames. \$1.50. A state of the art report issued by the International Research Information Service in which the authors set forth a method for helping blind children better understand their own body-image.

Multiply-Impaired Blind Children: A National Problem. Milton D. Graham. 82 pp. \$1.50. Report of a survey of schools and other agencies to learn how many multiply-impaired blind children exist and what types of services they are or are not receiving.

An Introduction to Development of Curriculum for Educable Mentally Retarded Visually Handicapped Adolescents. 40 pp. \$1. Basic suggestions for special education teachers dealing with this special group of children.

Teaching Aids for Blind and Visually Handicapped Children. Barbara Dorward and Natalie Barraga. \$2.75. A workbook for parents, teachers, and shop students with construction directions for educational aids for children. Included are diagrams and photographs of 30 mathematical, spelling, matching, and other puzzles and a braille appendix.

Proceedings of the Research Conference on Geriatric Blindness and Severe Visual Impairment. 83 pp. \$1.50. This conference was held in September 1967, sponsored by AFB under a grant from the Administration on Aging. The book sets forth the problems of the aged blind and points up the need for further research and information.

Anxiety Scale for the Blind. Richard E. Hardy. 12 pp. \$1. A test developed for use with children and recently modified for adults. Dr. Hardy is still experimenting with the scale and requests that it be used only by psychologists, psychiatrists, and other qualified counselors.

AFB Gives 18 Stipends For Summer Course-Work

The Foundation has awarded \$200 stipends to 18 persons in the field of education for the blind and visually handicapped. The stipends are for summer course work at approved academic institutions.

Of the 18 recipients, eleven are from residential schools for the blind, six from public schools, and one from a state department of education, according to William Feldman of the AFB Personnel and Training Service.

A geographical breakdown follows: Pennsylvania, 3; Virginia, 3; Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho, Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, and North Dakota, each 1.

The granting of these scholarships brings to a conclusion the Foundation's long time practice of supporting teachers for summer school study. Under a decision by the board of trustees, this kind of financial assistance will not be granted after this year.

H.G. Roberts, associate director, explained that the Foundation will, however, give greater emphasis to the development of information about the availability of such scholarships from other sources.

Foundation Staff Members Attend Toronto Conference

Four AFB staff members participated in the 49th biennial meeting of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind in Toronto, June 23-27. Amidst its other business, AAIB officially changed its name to Association for the Education of the Visually Handicapped.

Those attending from AFB were M. Robert Barnett, executive director; Mrs. Betty Garvais, information specialist; Miss Mary Ellen Mulholland, editorial specialist and Bill L. Underwood, specialist in education.

Mr. Underwood addressed the Monday afternoon panel, chaired by Miss Elinor H. Long, acting director of special education in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction, on the United States as a Community for Planning Educational Programs for the Visually Handicapped.

Extra Training Recommended For Rehabilitation Personnel

A series of meetings on rehabilitation centers was held June 17-19 at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich. The meetings dealt with where to secure personnel and how to provide the proper training for them.

J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation, prepared material for one of the sections—Recruitment, Training, and Retraining—in which he emphasized the need for special or "plus" training of professional people working in rehabilitation centers.

Extra training prior to working at a center is necessary, according to Mr. Asenjo, for psychologists, social

workers, home teachers, recreation specialists, and other personnel. Volunteers as well as professionals should have this training, Mr. Asenjo said.

"Any of the people in professional areas of employment in rehabilitation centers require interim service training or 'plus' training to make them aware of their goals," he explained.

Jobs in Recreation Fields Discussed at Work-Conference

Approximately 25 specialists in the fields of recreation and blindness met at the American Foundation for the Blind, June 10-12 for the National Conference on the Employment of Visually Handicapped Persons in Recreation Services.

Those attending the workshop were divided into groups to discuss job opportunities in three recreation areas—non-institutional, institutional, and commercial.

Dr. Elliot Avedon, associate professor at Columbia University, spoke on "The Employment of Blind Persons in Recreation Services" and Clayton Morgan, director, Oklahoma State University, spoke on "Vocational Rehabilitation Services—A Manpower Resource."

The sessions were coordinated by Arthur Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation, who will prepare the group reports for publication.

The conference was jointly sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Foundation for the Blind supported by a Rehabilitation Services Administration grant.



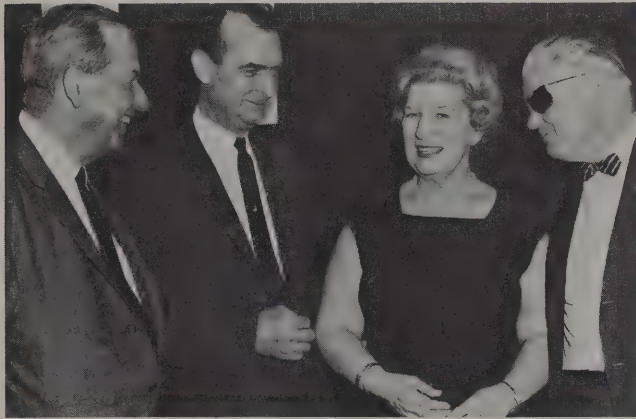
EAGER LISTENERS—Meeting at the National Conference on the Employment of the Visually Handicapped Persons in Recreation Services are standing: Bernard Preuss, supervisor, Bureau for the Blind, Jefferson City, Mo.; Henry Williams, assistant regional representative, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, New York; Arthur Voorhees, rehabilitation specialist, American Foundation for the Blind; and seated: George Magers, assistant chief, Division of Services to the Blind, Rehabilitation Services Administration; Dr. Virginia Frye, Coordinator Therapeutic Recreation, University of North Carolina; and Ira Hutchison Jr., coordinator, National Recreation and Park Association.

AFB Regional Office Opens in Denver

The American Foundation for the Blind officially opened its fourth regional office in Denver on June 14 with an open house. Attending were about 50 members of the staffs and boards of directors of local and state agencies serving the blind in the West Central states.

Representing the Foundation were M. Robert Barnett, executive director; Mrs. Doris P. Sausser, director, Community Services Division; and Edward R. Murray regional consultant, who will operate from the office in the Farmer's Union Building, Room 803, 1575 Sherman Street.

The Foundation maintains other regional offices in Atlanta and San Francisco and a legislative office in Washington. Another regional office in Chicago will open in the fall.



IN DENVER—Attending the opening of AFB's new regional office are left to right, Charles G. Ritter, superintendent, *Rehabilitation for the Blind*, Colorado, formerly of AFB; M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director; Mrs. Doris P. Sausser, director, AFB Community Services Division; and Claude C. Tynar, chief, Colorado Services for the Blind.

Specialists Attend Seminar On Services to Children

A national seminar on Services to Young Children with Visual Impairment was held at the American Foundation for the Blind, June 17-19.

The purpose of the seminar, according to Miss Pauline M. Moor, AFB program specialist in education who coordinated the session, was to bring together a group of people, who, either directly or in a supervisory capacity, give service to visually handicapped children and the parents of such children.

The 25 specialists attending the seminar evaluated former methods and discussed modifying techniques in relation to current trends in the field. The principle speakers were Dr. Beverly Birns, assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, and Dr. Warren Brody, director,

Environmental Ecology Laboratory, Boston, Mass. They spoke respectively on "New Approaches Enhancing Child Development" and "Human Enhancement—Its Application to Perception."

The proceedings of the seminar will be published by the Foundation next winter.

Helena Rubenstein Confers with AFB On Makeup Techniques for the Blind

Every girl wants to be beautiful and the firm of Helena Rubenstein, known for its fine cosmetics, is now teaching beauty techniques to blind girls and women.

As an outgrowth of the grooming committee's work at last year's personal management workshop in Chicago, J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation, contacted the Rubenstein Foundation, which in the past has been active in the rehabilitation of children.

Because Mala Rubenstein, niece of the late Helena Rubenstein, was interested in cosmetology for the blind, she has put one of her technicians at AFB's disposal at no cost for teaching and supplies.

Miss Navis Shickell, who teaches cosmetology to the Rubenstein technicians, worked with two blind girls from the Industrial Home for the Blind in Brooklyn in a laboratory setting at the Rubenstein headquarters. Within 10 minutes these girls were able to apply their own makeup following Miss Shickell's directions, according to Mr. Asenjo. Present emphasis is on skin care with care of the hair to be taught later.

It is hoped that these techniques may be demonstrated at regional conferences in the rehabilitation field and in day and residential schools for the blind. Miss Shickell has already been scheduled to spend a day at the Rhode Island Association for the Blind.



GETTING DOLLED UP—Mala Rubenstein, left, and a technician demonstrate the proper methods in applying makeup to a blind girl. The session took place at one of the Rubenstein laboratories.

Mrs. Patricia Smith To Head Department

MRS. PATRICIA S. SMITH has been named director of AFB's Information Department. In this capacity she will administer the four divisions within the department—Library, Public Education, Publications, and Record Center. Mrs. Smith has been director of the Foundation's Publications Division since October, 1965. Since that time, she has also served as managing editor of the *New Outlook for the Blind*, a responsibility she will continue to carry.

Before coming to AFB, Mrs. Smith served on the editorial and public relations staff of the American Academy of Pediatrics and was previously associated with the American Medical Association.

A graduate of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Mrs. Smith replaces Mr. Daniel O'Connor, who has resigned from the Foundation and taken a position as public information officer, Social and Rehabilitation Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



In Addition. . .

- Mrs. Doris P. Sausser, director of AFB's Community Services Division, and Miss Marie Morrison, consultant for the Northeast region, recently met in Maine with C. Owen Pollard, director of the Division of Eye Care and Special Services, State Department of Health and Welfare, to review services for the blind in the state.

The three updated a 1965 program review by checking implementation and national trends in order to assist Maine in achieving accreditation.

- Dr. Milton Graham, director of AFB's Research Department, and Robert Robinson of the Social and Statistical Research Division attended the annual meeting of the Model Reporting Area for Blindness Statistics, May 23-24, in Washington. Dr. Graham, who is a member of the group's advisory committee, said that 18 states are now involved in collecting data representing one third of the nation's population. The work is sponsored by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

Mr. Robinson also attended a conference on Rehabilitating Blind Residents of Nursing Homes and Homes for the Aging, June 11. The session was sponsored by the Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, N. Y.

- Bill L. Underwood, AFB specialist in education, served as a consultant to the Council for Exceptional Children in Washington, May 16-17. Mr. Underwood reviewed the Vocational Education Act of 1964, Public Law 88120, Section 4, in order to work out guidelines

for the Office of Education to implement programs for the handicapped.

- Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner, AFB specialist for deaf-blind children, is now specialist, deaf-blind statistics, according to Miss Marion Wurster, director of program specialists.

In this capacity Mrs. Wagner urges all agencies to continue to send to the Foundation registration forms on each deaf-blind child and adult that comes to their attention.

- Leslie L. Clark, director of AFB's International Research Information Service, participated in the preparation of a two-volume report and recommendations by the Organization for Scientific and Technological Innovation (OSTI). This report, which was filed with the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness in June, deals with operations analysis of work for the blind. It was commissioned by the ad hoc subcommittee on rehabilitation at the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

- Samuel Mopsik, AFB Middle Atlantic consultant for the Community Services Division, is on the planning committee and in charge of arrangements for the Ohio Executives Institute which will meet in Cincinnati in October. The institute, which will be attended by executives of agencies serving the blind in Ohio, will coincide with the Ohio Welfare Conference.

Two topics are scheduled for discussion: accreditation and an analysis of the Ohio governor's planning commission.

AFB Offers 2 New Films Related to Blindness

Two new films are available from the Foundation's Public Education Division for free loan. Both are black and white.

Nursery School for the Blind was made at the Hampstead Child Therapy Clinic in London. This 20-minute film shows a special nursery school class for three blind children and is recommended for teachers and social workers.

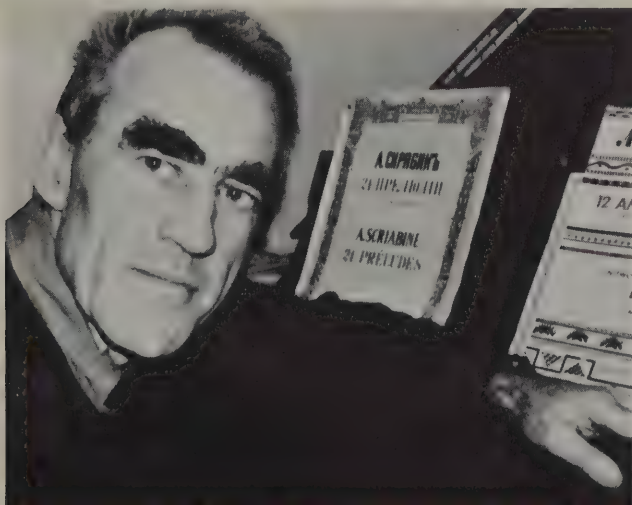
Dimension of Life was made by Charisma Productions for International Business Machines. The film deals with the life of Louis Braille and how his invention of the braille code is used by blind people today. An introductory film for students and others interested in braille, it runs about 15 minutes.

The Information Department is currently reviewing both quantitatively and qualitatively the effectiveness of its film library service. Executive Director M. Robert Barnett would welcome opinions and suggestions that would help in considering whether the services can be improved or altered.



1968 Migel Medals Go To Author, Educator

The 1968 Migel Medal, the nation's highest award in work for the blind was presented this year to Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld, superintendent of the California School for the Blind from 1949 to 1964, and William Gibson, author of *The Miracle Worker*. This award is given annually by AFB.



Mr. William Gibson

The medals were presented October 24 in New York at the Foundation's headquarters following the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Migel Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of work for the blind on both the professional and voluntary levels. First presented in 1937, the medal is named in honor of the late M. C. Migel, the first president of the Foundation.

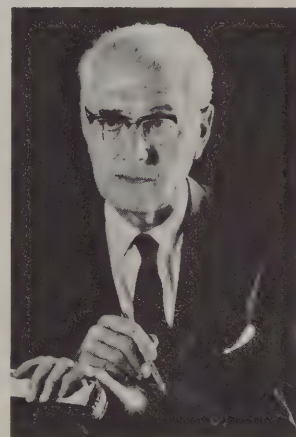
Dr. Lowenfeld received the medal for professional services and Mr. Gibson for voluntary services.

Mr. Gibson made real for millions of television viewers and theater and film goers, the myth-like story of Anne Sullivan's determination to instill knowledge into the blind and deaf Helen Keller. First produced on the Playhouse 90 television series in 1957, *The Miracle Worker* opened on Broadway in 1960 and was made into a film in 1962. Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke, who portrayed Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller on the stage, repeated their portrayals in the film version, for which they both received Oscars.

Born in New York City, and now living in Stockbridge, Mass., Mr. Gibson is the author of several other plays. *A Cry of Players*, starring Miss Bancroft and Frank Langella, will open this month as one of the five 1968-69 productions of the Repertory Theatre of Lincoln Center in New York.

His other works include *Two for the Seesaw* and a number of books, among them, *The Cobweb*, a novel; *The Seesaw Log*; and the recently published *A Mass for the Dead*, a reminiscence of his childhood and early adult years.

Dr. Lowenfeld, on the other hand, has authored a number of books and articles on the education of blind children. He has been a distinguished figure in work for the blind in this country for 30 years.



Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld

Born in Austria, Dr. Lowenfeld received a Ph.D. in child psychology from the University of Vienna in 1927. He came to this country in 1938 and from 1939 to 1949 was director of Educational Research at AFB.

Dr. Lowenfeld has also served as an instructor at Columbia University, as a visiting professor at Western Reserve, Washington, and Michigan universities and as a consultant to many federal, state, and private agencies.

Presently, he is serving as a member of the National Advisory Council on Vocational Rehabilitation, as a consultant to the U.S. Office of Education, as a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind board of directors and its editorial board, and as chairman of the Advisory Council to the Braille Authority.

In 1965 Dr. Lowenfeld received the Shotwell Memorial Award for Distinguished Services from the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

AFB Gets Regional Grant To Judge National Effects

Effects of the national institute for employing visually handicapped workers in service occupations in the food service and lodging industries will be evaluated at a regional conference in January 1969.

The evaluation has been made possible by a grant from the Region 2 office of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to the Foundation, which cosponsored the national conference in June 1967.

State rehabilitation personnel from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware will meet with hotel and motel executives and personnel directors to evaluate the effects of the national institute and to make plans for increasing employment opportunities in the field.

In the report that will follow the regional conference, it is hoped that patterns will be set for other similar regional conferences, according to Arthur Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation, who is project director.

A planning committee for the conference was held October 3 at the Foundation. Attending that session were George Magers, assistant chief, Division of Services to the Blind, RSA; Henry Williams, assistant regional representative, RSA; Ralph Nogal, personnel director, New York Hilton; J. William Conner, director, Educational Institute, American Hotel and Motel Association; Oscar Friedensohn, executive director, New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped; Joseph Kohn, executive director, New Jersey State Commission for the Blind; and Miss A. Marie Morrison and Samuel Mopsik, AFB regional consultants.

Approximately 50 invited participants will take part in the regional session.

Survey Used to Contact Occupational Therapists

In an effort to determine the need for and role of occupational therapists in the field of blindness, the American Foundation for the Blind in cooperation with the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) has sent a brief questionnaire to therapists.

The response has been good, according to William Feldman, director, AFB Personnel and Training Service, who is currently tabulating the results.

Mr. Feldman points out that it is necessary that agencies for the blind realize the need for occupational therapists and also that the occupational therapists realize the importance of working with the blind.

Members of the committee coordinating the study in addition to Mr. Feldman are R. Roy Rusk, Miss Marion V. Wurster, and Albert J. Asenjo, all of AFB; Miss Harriet Warren and Miss Helen Mathias, both of AOTA; Mrs. Joy Corderey of Columbia University; and Miss Martha Schnebly of New York University.

Hellen Keller Memorial Fund To Aid AFB-AFOB Programs

The Helen Keller Memorial Fund has been established by the American Foundation for the Blind and the Helen Keller World Crusade for the Blind (American Foundation for Overseas Blind) in memory of Miss Keller who worked closely with these organizations for many years. The fund will support the programs of both agencies.

Honorary chairman of the Memorial Fund Committee is actress Katharine Cornell, a long-time friend of Miss Keller's and an AFB trustee. In a public appeal, Miss Cornell said, "The work that Helen Keller inspired and led through the American Foundation for the Blind and the Helen Keller World Crusade for the Blind already stands as a living memorial, and as long as this work continues, the spirit of Helen Keller will live on."

Other committee members are the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Sen. Lister D. Hill, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Alexander Laughlin, and Mrs. John Davis Lodge. Also, James S. Adams, Richard H. Migel, J. P. Morgan II, Jansen Noyes Jr., Peter J. Salmon, Eustace Seligman, and J. M. Woolly.

Included in the Memorial Fund's mailing is a four-page description of the Fund and a 12-page booklet, "Triumph Out of Tragedy," on the life of Helen Keller which is illustrated with photographs from the AFB-AFOB archives. The memorial booklet is a reprint of an article in *The New York Times* of June 2 by Alden Whitman.

In connection with the Helen Keller Memorial Fund campaign, AFB has produced a 10-inch record and two 1-minute films for use as radio and television spots.

The record, titled "To Continue Her Work...The Helen Keller Memorial Fund," contains seven radio spots describing Miss Keller's work for the blind and the need to carry it on through the fund. In addition, there is a 10-minute program which deals with Miss Keller's struggle to speak called "Words in Search of a Voice," narrated by Miss Ethel Everett who has recorded most of Miss Keller's books for talking books.



Dr. Gabriel Farrell, Dies; AFB Trustee Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Gabriel Farrell, trustee emeritus of both the American Foundation for the Blind and the American Foundation for Overseas Blind since 1964, died September 18 at his home in Cambridge, Mass. He was 82 years of age.

Dr. Farrell was elected to the AFB board of trustees in 1940 and the AFOB board of directors in 1945.

From 1931 to 1951 he was director of the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass.

He received his B.S. degree from Dartmouth College and bachelor and doctoral divinity degrees from Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge and Dartmouth College, respectively.

His book, *The Story of Blindness*, based on his lectures at Harvard University and the Lowell Institute in Boston, was published in 1956. In addition, he wrote many articles and pamphlets on blindness.

In 1952 Dr. Farrell was elected honorary chairman of the first International Conference of the Educators of Blind Youth. In 1950 he made a survey, *Social Aspects of Blind Children*, for the United Nations. He also served as a consultant to the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

3-Year Grant to Support O-J-T in N. Y. C. Hospital

AFB has recently received approval by the Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS) of the Health, Education, and Welfare Department to conduct a three-year demonstration project for the training and placement of blind persons in service jobs in hospital settings.

The SRS grant is an outgrowth of a national institute held by AFB in June 1967 on the employment of the blind and visually handicapped in hospitals.

Under the grant, which provides \$41,227 for the first year, AFB will select a hospital in New York City which will provide actual on-the-job training for approximately 60 blind clients. The clients will be selected from the southeast and eastern sections of the United States, according to Arthur Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation, who is project director.

The purpose of the project is to develop and validate methods and techniques for providing on-the-job training to blind persons in service jobs in hospital settings. At its conclusion a manual will be published for the use of state rehabilitation agencies and hospital personnel.

Other project personnel, including a principal investigator-counselor coordinator, supervising instructor, and information specialist, will serve as liason between AFB, state rehabilitation agencies, the trainees, and the hospital. If necessary, the project staff will also assist state agencies in placing the client back in his own community, Mr. Voorhees said.

The referring agencies will be requested to pay for transportation, maintenance, and other incidental costs for clients as a rehabilitation service during the training process.

The manual, describing the methods and techniques for selection, training, and placement of blind persons in service jobs in hospitals, will be presented at a national conference when the project ends. Distribution will be to state rehabilitation agencies for their use in expanding the employment of blind persons and also to other agencies and key personnel in the hospital field.

Persons interested in applying for project positions should contact Mr. Voorhees at AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N. Y. 10011.

AFB Hosts Delegates Attending World Meeting

Delegates from all over the world attended a reception hosted by the American Foundation for the Blind and its sister organization, American Foundation for Overseas Blind, in Washington this summer.

AFB-AFOB played host to those delegates attending the 12th World Assembly of the World Organization for Preschool Education who were interested in work for the blind and visually handicapped. The international group is composed of leaders of their respective countries who are interested in the early education of children.

The conference attendees included teachers, psychologists, psychiatrists, sociologists, social workers, research workers, pediatricians, nurses, and anthropologists from nearly 50 countries.

Referring to the reception, Miss Pauline M. Moor, AFB specialist in education for preschool services who attended the session as a member of the United States National Committee for Early Childhood Education, said, "By having these people meet in such an informal way we got an expression of opinion from over 40 countries."

The theme of the July 31-August 7 conference was "The Rights of the Child — The Realization of His Potential." The assemblies are held biennially and this was the first time that the United States hosted the group.

AFB personnel assisting Miss Moor at the reception were Miss Marion V. Wurster, director of the Program Development Division, and Irvin P. Schloss, legislative analyst. Services for the blind in this country were discussed and AFB-AFOB literature was available for the attendees.

An article by Miss Moor titled, "But You Are Not Magic and I Am Blind" recently appeared in the international organization's journal. The article touches on parental attitudes, guidance suggestions, and community resources for the blind, preschool child.

• The Diabetes Program of the United States Public Health Service has awarded AFB's Program Development Division project monies for the purpose of establishing a retrieval method whereby information which applies to diabetes may be extracted from the present deaf-blind register, according to R. Roy Rusk, director, Program Planning Department.

Ad Hoc Committee Discusses Problems of Aging Blind

Responding to a growing awareness of the special problems of older blind persons, the Foundation recently invited specialists to an Ad Hoc Committee for Preliminary Planning on Geriatric Blindness and Severe Visual Impairment.

The group of 16 met September 13 in AFB's Polly Thomson room to discuss a rationale for developing a national focus on the aging blind and to propose members and guidelines for a Task Force which will meet sometime after January 1, according to Miss Dorothy Demby, AFB specialist in social welfare who is coordinating the project.

Those attending deemed that such a Task Force evaluate existing information on the aging blind and, also, plan comprehensive strategies of action to meet the existing and future needs of the aging blind.

Specifically, the Ad Hoc Committee suggested that areas of attention should be focused on the group as a whole, public understanding, technical understanding, and the structures and resources available to meet the problems.

Attending the session were Miss Sarah A. Butts, Administration on Aging, SRS; James Warrach, American Association of Homes for the Aging; Alexander Handel, National Accreditation Council; Douglas C. MacFarland, Rehabilitation Services Administration, SRS; Mrs. Geneva Mathiasen, National Council on Aging; Miss Eleonor Morris, Administration on Aging, SRS; Robert Morris, Brandeis University; Miss Ollie A. Randall, Ford Foundation; and Peter J. Salmon, Industrial Home for the Blind.

AFB personnel attending included Miss Demby,

Harold G. Roberts, R. Roy Rusk, Miss Marion V. Wurster, Robert L. Robinson, and Mrs. Patricia S. Smith.

Miss Demby has already coordinated a two-day workshop on Geriatric Blindness and the Practitioner in Detroit, November 7-8. The approximately 25 practitioners attending are experienced in working with the aging blind in agency programs or projects for the elderly blind, according to Miss Demby. By identifying problems, issues, and services related to the aging blind, the workshop sessions will be beneficial to the Task Force. In addition, the practitioners are developing plans and materials for use at proposed institutes for practitioners on geriatric blindness and for the Task Force.



DISCUSSING AGING — Meeting at the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Geriatric Blindness and Severe Visual Impairment are, from left to right, Prof. Robert Morris of Brandeis University; Peter J. Salmon, Industrial Home for the Blind; Miss Dorothy Demby, AFB specialist in social welfare; James Warrach, American Association of Homes for the Aging; and Miss Sarah A. Butts, Social Rehabilitation Service.

Missing Questionnaires Needed For 1969 Directory of Agencies

While progress continues towards publication of the 1969 edition of the *Directory of Agencies Serving Visually Handicapped Persons in the United States*, not all executive directors have yet returned the questionnaires sent to them this past summer. All agencies are being resurveyed for inclusion in the 1969 Directory, which will be available next spring. Executive directors who originally received questionnaires in the mail are urged to contact the AFB Publications Division if their form has been misplaced.

- Two new positions have recently been approved by the AFB board of trustees in the Program Planning and Information Departments. Mrs. Patricia S. Smith, AFB Information Department director, is currently seeking a director for the Public Education Division and Miss Marion V. Wurster, director of the Program Development Division, is now interviewing applicants for the position of Specialist in Services for Multi-Handicapped Blind Persons.

Guidance Counselors To Attend Institute

William Feldman and Arthur Voorhees of AFB's Program Development Division are members of the planning committee for an Institute for Guidance Counselors of Visually Handicapped Youth.

Thirty guidance counselors are expected to attend the sessions scheduled for November 11-15 in Austin, Tex.

Mr. Voorhees, who is representing AFB on the staff, will lead some group sessions. Other staff personnel are from Rehabilitation Services Administration; Personnel Research Center, Philadelphia; University of Texas; and the Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped, which is sponsoring the institute.

The purpose of the national institute is to provide information on major job fields and specific vocations in the United States that are currently available to the visually handicapped. In addition, the counselors will develop their skills in working with visually handicapped youth.

Staff Members Meet In Europe for Sessions

Three AFB staff members attended the 14th International Conference on Social Welfare in Helsinki, Finland, August 18-24. Participating in the international sessions were Harold G. Roberts, associate director; Julian Stone, director of the Program Support Department; and Mrs. Doris P. Sausser, director of the Community Services Division.

Mr. Roberts was vice chairman of one of the study groups, Social Welfare and the Rights of the Physically Handicapped.

Afterwards, he attended the third triennial International Conference on the Education of Deaf-Blind Children at Sint-Michielsgestel, the Netherlands, August 25-29. This group is a sub-committee of the International Council of Education of Blind Youth, which, in turn, is a part of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind.

The seminar featured three themes: methods of teaching deaf-blind children; vocational training of deaf-blind youth; and administrative problems.



INTERNATIONALLY SPEAKING—Miss Aulikki Kananoja of Finland was the recorder at the sessions in Helsinki for, left to right, Harold G. Roberts, AFB associate director; John Jarvis, secretary-general of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, and Julian Stone, AFB Program Support director.

'Long-Playing' Talking Book Reviewed for Engineers

An entire talking book could be produced on a single record at the same low cost of producing a paperback book, Leo M. Levens told the Audio Engineering Society, which met in New York October 21-24 for its 35th convention.

The group heard Mr. Levens, head of AFB's Engineering Division, deliver a paper on "High Density Disc Recording Systems." He reviewed the development by the Foundation of a single $4\frac{1}{2}$ rpm record which would have a playing time of 20 hours.

"Cost per hour of recorded material decreases in inverse proportion to increase in density," explained Mr. Levens. In addition, costs would be reduced with a decrease in problems related to colating, packing, shipping, and storage of the records, he said.

Currently, talking books, which are produced at the Foundation and the American Printing House for the Blind under contract by the Library of Congress, are recorded at $16\frac{2}{3}$ and $8\frac{1}{3}$ rpm which have playing times ranging from one and a half to five hours. Several records are required to record a volume.

Other AFB staff attending the meeting were John W. Breuel, director of the Manufacturing and Sales Department, and Leslie L. Clark, director of the International Research Information Service (IRIS).

Research Advisor Resigns; Two Others Appointed

Dr. Robert A. Scott, advisor to AFB's Research Department, has recently resigned due to travel commitments for a new project on which he is working. At the same time, two new advisors have been appointed.

Dr. Eric Josephson, research sociologist at Columbia University's School of Public Health, will be involved in the field of social sciences, which has been Dr. Scott's area of interest. Dr. Emerson Foulke, research psychologist at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, will be the first AFB research advisor in psychology.

Dr. Scott, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University, had been one of the first advisors named to serve the Research Department. Dr. Josephson is a former employee of AFB's Research Department and Dr. Foulke has served on many AFB committees.

Other advisors to the Research Department are Dr. Hyman Goldstein of the Children's Bureau, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Dr. James C. Bliss, research engineer at Stanford Research Institute. They advise AFB in statistical sciences and physical sciences, respectively.

New AFB Publications

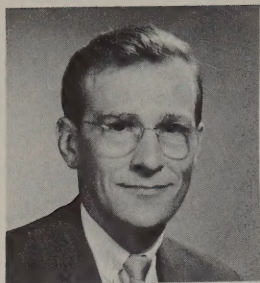
Three new pamphlets are available from AFB's Publications Division, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N. Y. 10011. They are free in limited quantities.

Aids and Appliances for the Blind, which replaces a former pamphlet by the same title, describes and pictures the types of aids and appliances which are listed in the AFB catalog. 8 pp.

Helen Keller is a new pamphlet which was revised after Miss Keller's death, June 1. It is a brief biography of her life with photographs in silhouette. 8 pp.

Understanding Braille tells about braille in general—how it works, how it started, how it is read and written, and the different grades. Included is a braille table showing how each letter and symbol is formed. 12 pp.

Personnel



MR. THOMAS J. SEBUKATY has been appointed to the newly created position of Comptroller for the American Foundation for the Blind and the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. In this capacity he will serve as Associate Director of Finance and coordinate financial activities of

the sister agencies.

In addition, Mr. Sebukaty will provide assistance to staff personnel in areas of accounting procedures. Accordingly, he will oversee AFB's Department of Business and Office Management.

A graduate of Manhattan College, Mr. Sebukaty comes to the Foundation from Puritan Fashions Corporation where he served as chief auditor and assistant to the treasurer. Prior to that he was associated with the firms of William J. F. Duggan Company of New York, accountants, and Union Bag-Camp Paper Company of New York where he was internal auditor.

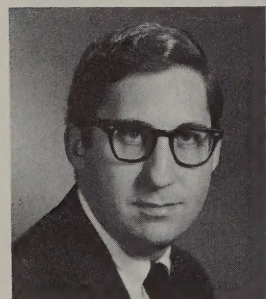
MISS MARY ELLEN MULHOLLAND, editorial specialist at the Foundation since July 1967, has been named director of the Publications Division. In this new capacity Miss Mulholland will be responsible for supervising the preparation, production, and distribution of all AFB publications while continuing to serve as assistant editor of *The New Outlook for the Blind*.

Previously, Miss Mulholland had been employed at Dell Publishing Company's Book Division and as assistant to the publicity director of the Bobbs-Merrill Company, publishers. In addition, she edited a monthly bulletin for a national technical society.

A graduate of Catholic University, Washington, D.C., Miss Mulholland replaces Mrs. Patricia S. Smith who has become director of AFB's Information Department.



MR. IRA KAPLAN has been named Manager of the Sales Division of the Manufacturing and Sales Department. In this capacity Mr. Kaplan will be responsible for managing the sales of all aids and appliances. In addition, he will be responsible for the one-fare travel concession program.



Before joining AFB, Mr. Kaplan was self-employed in mail-order merchandise and had been a buyer for the catalog division at National Bellas Hess Company, where he was also direct-mail promotions manager.

Mr. Kaplan attended Trinidad State College, Trinidad, Colo., where he studied business administration.

In Addition...

- Miss Marion V. Wurster, director of the Program Development Division, was one of seven specialists who evaluated a new summer-school project at the Texas School for the Blind in Austin, August 8-9. The project dealt with training blind, public high school students in the areas of social adjustment, mobility and orientation, and efficient living.

More recently, Miss Wurster chaired a session at the annual congress of the National Recreation and Park Association in Seattle, Wash., October 13-18.

- Dr. Milton Graham, Research Department director, and Miss Zofja Jastrzemska, research associate, attended the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, August 27-September 3. During the same period Leslie L. Clark, director of the International Research Information Service, attended the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Boston where he chaired one of the sessions.

- Mrs. Marguerite Levine, supervisor of the AFB Records Center, attended the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, in Ottawa, Can., September 30-October 2. While there Mrs. Levine attended sessions on current trends in preservation of documents, problems of contemporary collections, selection and publication of archival and manuscript materials, and automation and the archivist.

- Miss Pauline Moor, AFB specialist in preschool services, gave the opening speech at a one-day seminar at the Dixon State School, Dixon, Ill., October 10. The institute was sponsored by the State Department of Mental Health to stimulate interest and participation in mentally retarded-blind children.

Miss Moor also spoke on blind children at the monthly colloquium series at Illinois State University, October 8. The seminar sessions are held for faculty and students involved in areas of special education.

- Irvin P. Schloss, AFB legislative analyst and editor of *Washington Report*, was re-elected president of the Blinded Veterans Association at the association's 23rd annual convention in San Francisco in July. This will be Mr. Schloss' second term as BVA president.

- Miss Dorothy Demby, AFB specialist in social welfare, was the opening speaker at the September 7 meeting of the New Jersey Chapter, American Association of Workers for the Blind. Miss Demby's talk, "Toward a Social Policy for the Aging Blind," dealt with the unmet needs of this segment of the population. The new group met September 7 at the Seeing Eye Inc., Morristown, N. J.

In addition, Miss Demby was a participant in the 21st annual convention on "The Aged American" at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, August 5-7.

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